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Energy Tax Reform Group,

Stop the Production Tax Credits for wind energy. They are a blatant waste of our hard earned taxpayer money.

We are fourth generation farmers. After we were approached by an industrial wind energy developer to sign a lease agreement we did research. We visited industrial wind complexes and visited with the people. Those we spoke with that lived in close proximity of the industrial wind turbines were adversely affected by the noise, vibration and shadow flicker of the moving turbine blades. The chief noise culprit appears to be the low frequency noise, noise that is below what we can actually hear but the body's system can pick up.

Usually those that sign leases cannot say anything negative about the wind energy development as they are basically signing away that right in the lease agreement. Are you aware of that? Legislators wonder why they don't hear more problems voiced about wind development complexes once they are constructed and running, well this is one reason.

Even those individuals that receive a settlement from a wind developer have to sign a 'gag order' forbidding them to discuss the settlement or problems that led to the settlement. If industrial wind development is supposedly so great, why all the secrecy?

As farmers we want to be good stewards of our farmland. We do not want tons of concrete poured 25 ft deep into the ground. Believe us, concrete will not produce food needed to feed the people of the world. Also, the farmer who signs a lease gives up full control of the land he leases. The developer often puts up "No Trespassing" signs.

Industrial wind complexes are continually being sold to other industrial wind complexes for re-depreciation purposes. When industrial wind complexes become obsolete, I sincerely doubt that the wind developer will be held accountable for taking them down. It will probably be left up to us taxpayers to foot this expense.

The government doesn't hesitate to hand out production tax credits to the wind developers....but the government doesn't make any effort to see that industrial wind energy development is inefficient and costing the taxpayer more in electricity costs.

We urge you to STOP the Production Tax Credits for wind energy.

Ronnie and Linda Bush